

Previous CMS Medicine Dish Shows

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

“End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) in Indian Country”

Experts from CMS, NIH, and IHS covered:

- Impact of ESRD on American Indians and Alaska Natives,
- Considerations in contracting for an onsite dialysis facility,
- Eligibility and enrollment in Medicare for people with ESRD,
- Medicare coverage and beneficiary costs,
- Provider reimbursement,
- Role of ESRD Network Organizations, and
- Information resources for providers and beneficiaries.

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

“Medicare's Preventive Benefits – Part 2”

CMS presenters continued the overview of Medicare Preventive Services, including:

- Specific services covered,
- Documentation required, and
- Costs to beneficiaries.
- Benefit changes effective January 1, 2009 will be highlighted.

Useful Links:

[Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Resources for Indian Health Care Professionals \[PDF, 412KB\]](#)

[The ABCs of Providing the Initial Preventive Physical Examination Guide \[PDF, 142KB\]](#)

[MPS Quick Reference Chart \[PDF 108KB\]](#)

February 11, 2009

“Medicare's Preventive Benefits – Part 1”

A panel of CMS experts discussed:

- Specific services covered,
- Documentation required, and
- Costs to beneficiaries.
- Benefit changes effective January 1, 2009 will be highlighted.

January 14, 2009

“Medicaid Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Testing (EPSDT) Services”

A panel of CMS experts discussed:

- What services are required under the EPSDT program,
- Who is eligible for services,
- How providers can get reimbursed for services,
- What are the requirements for States to inform EPSDT-eligible individuals about available services?

December 10, 2008

"Horse Song," A Special Presentation for Diabetes Education

This special broadcast features "Horse Song," a diabetes education video produced by IHS' Four Directions Communications and Northern Navajo Medical Center. This innovative drama portrays the challenges faced by a Navajo family in dealing with diabetes. The program incorporates the Navajo language and culture into this outreach tool. Our Medicine Dish viewers may want to use this video for future diabetes education activities.

November 12, 2008

"Survey & Certification for Indian Health Providers – Part 2"

Our January 2008 show focused primarily on hospitals. This show provides information applicable to all providers. The CMS panel presented on:

- Overview of the Survey and Certification program,
- Differences between certification and accreditation,
- Implications for Federally Qualified Health Centers,
- Role of CMS Regional Offices in the provider enrollment and certification processes.

October 8, 2008

"Part D for American Indians and Alaska Natives"

A panel of CMS and IHS experts discussed:

- What Part D Plans are available to IHS and Tribal pharmacies,
- Who is eligible and what notices they may receive,
- How to use the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder to enroll beneficiaries in plans.

September 10, 2008

"CMS Quality Initiatives and DMEPOS Update"

A Panel discussed the initiatives, reporting processes, and impact on providers:

- Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey
- Reporting Hospital Quality Data for Annual Payment Update (RHQDAPU)
- Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI)
- Changes in Medicare payment and accreditation for suppliers of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS).

August 13, 2008

"Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Billing Basics"

A Panel discussed how CMS and HRSA work with the Indian health care system and FQHCs:

- Overview of the FQHC program and enrollment,
- Medicare coverage and payments to FQHCs,
- Medicaid coverage and payments to FQHCs,
- Medicare Administrative Contract impact on FQHCs.

July 9, 2008

“CMS Website: A Tour & How to Use It”

A Panel reviewed CMS Web Pages:

- Medicare.gov,
- vMedicaid,
- Medicare Learning Network,
- Tribal Affairs.

June 11, 2008

“Electronic Health Records”

A Panel provided information on:

- An Overview of the importance of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) and HHS initiatives,
- IHS experiences with EHRs and important new developments with the RPMS,
- How CMS is working with EHRs and what you can expect for CMS programs.

May 21, 2008

“Encore Broadcast of Medicare-Like Rates for Contract Health Services”

This is a re-broadcast of a program originally shown in September, 2007. It covers how Medicare-like rates help reduce contract health service (CHS) expenditures and extend the use of contract health services funding. You'll learn about the following:

- When the rule applies,
- What services are covered,
- How to compute and verify the rates charged by hospitals,
- What other payments or co-payments may be due.

April 9, 2008

“Medicare Part B and the Indian Healthcare System”

A Panel provided an overview of:

- How Medicare Part B works with the Indian Healthcare System,
- How providers enroll in the program,
- What services are covered,
- How bills are submitted and processed.

March 19, 2008

“Supporting Rural Family Caregivers”

A panel comprised of Family Caregivers and representatives from USDA Extension Services, Area Agencies on Aging, Easter Seals, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, State Departments on Aging discussed challenges and solutions to rural family Caregiving.

February 13, 2008

Coding and Billing for Medicare and Medicaid for Indian Health Providers

A panel discussed:

- The importance of coding to the Indian health care system,
- The basics of coding,
- A review of frequent coding questions and common coding errors.

January 9, 2008

“Survey and Certification 101 for Indian Health Providers”

A panel provided the following overviews:

- What is Medicare Certification?
- What is accreditation and how does it differ from Certification?
- What are the requirements for licensure of facilities and staff?
- What are the components of an acceptable plan of correction?

December 12, 2007

“Medicaid 101 and Indian Health Providers”

A Panel provided the following overviews:

- Overview of the Medicaid and SCHIP programs
- What services are covered and how payments are made for Medicaid and SCHIP services?
- Medicaid coverage for Mental Health and Substance Abuse programs
- How Indian health providers participate in the Medicaid program

November 14, 2007

“Medicare 101 and Indian Health Providers”

A Panel provided the following overviews:

- History of legislative authority expanding Medicare reimbursements,
- How Indian health providers participate in the Medicare program,
- Provider type requirements,
- What IHS is doing to increase participation.

October 10, 2007

“Maximizing Part D Reimbursement: Fall 2007 Activities”

A Panel provided the following overviews:

- Redeeming, Reassignment and their notices,
- Plans with a 2008 premium within the regional low-income premium subsidy amount (benchmark),
- Annual Election Period (AEP), and other enrollment periods,
- Plan Finder Tool (how to change plans appropriately).